

N.S. Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

2003 Annual Report

(Includes 1994-2003 Statistics)



**FOIPOP Coordinator
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NS Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act FOIPOP Applications Cumulative Synopsis 1994-2003¹

	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
1994	161	124	76	36	12	-	-	-	-	-
1995	323	266	160	74	32	-	-	-	-	-
1996	485	396	281	67	48	-	-	-	-	-
1997	539	469	225	132	83	29	-	318	113	38
1998	591	492	203	163	91	35	-	338	125	29
1999	599	547	276	162	66	41	-	325	156	66
2000	764	593	214	212	88	79	-	381	135	77
2001	1072	788	274	285	70	144	15	501	216	71
2002	1037	910	271	416	56	136	31	535	238	137
2003	727	622	206	290	35	84	7	400	129	93
Totals	6,298	5207	2186	1837	583	548	53	2798	1112	511

¹On this page and all subsequent pages, the stats do not include Regional Health Authorities or Hospitals who have been under the Act since 1994. Also, the stats do not include Municipalities which were covered under FOIPOP provision of part 20 XX of the *Municipalities Government Act* as of April 1, 1999. The stats include all government departments, as well as agencies, boards, and commissions, and the NS Community College, known to have received FOIPOP applications.

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Access Decisions and Response Times by Percentage

	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
1994	61.3	29.0	9.7	0	0	-	-	-
1995	60.2	27.8	12.0	0	0	-	-	-
1996	71.0	16.9	12.1	0	0	-	-	-
1997	48.0	28.1	17.7	6.2	0	67.8	24.1	8.1
1998	41.3	33.1	18.5	7.1	0	68.7	25.4	5.9
1999	50.5	29.6	12.4	7.5	0	59.4*	28.5	12.0
2000	36.1	35.8	14.8	13.3	0	64.2	22.8	13.0
2001**	34.8	36.2	8.9	18.3	1.9	63.6	27.4	9.0
2002	29.8	45.7	6.2	14.9	3.4	58.8*	26.2	15.1
2003	33.1	46.6	5.6	13.4	1.1	64.4**	20.6	14.8
Totals	42.0%	35.3%	11.2%	10.5%	1.0%	63.3%	25.1%	11.5%

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FOIPOP Application By Information Type

Note that the following table includes information only for those departments on the FOIPOP Tracking System. A detailed listing of those departments on the FOIPOP Tracking System is listed on page 7. The information for this category is not currently available for those departments not currently on the tracking system. It does not include a breakdown of personal and general information for universities, school boards, municipalities, regional health, and hospitals.

	# Received	Personal	General	Personal/ General	# Completed	Personal	General	Personal/ General
2001	687	119	541	27	497	83	396	18
2002	981	260	631	90	858	232	543	83
2003	678	177	415	85	577	143	369	64
Totals	2,346	556	1,587	202	1932	458	1308	165

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Yearly Breakdown of FOIPOP Applications By Quarter 1994-2003

Access Decisions & Response Time

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded
1994	Annual	161	124	76	36	12	-	-
		161	124	76	36	12	-	-

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded
1995	Q1	75	59	31	20	8	-	-
	Q2-Q4	248	207	129	54	24	-	-
Total		323	266	160	74	32	-	-

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded
1996	Q1	112	101	75	22	4	-	-
	Q2	117	86	65	10	11	-	-
	Q3	118	92	63	13	16	-	-
	Q4	138	117	78	22	17	-	-
Total		485	396	281	67	48	-	-

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	31+ Days	60+ Days
1997	Q1	117	104	64	29	11	-	-			
	Q2	101	96	47	35	7	7	-			
	Q3	105	98	49	24	13	12	-			
	Q4	216	171	65	44	52	10				
Total		539	469	225	132	83	29	-	318	113	38

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Yearly Breakdown of FOIPOP Applications By Quarter 1994-2003 (Continued)**

Access Decisions & Response Time

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
1998	Q1	129	124	59	38	14	13	-			
	Q2	124	95	48	28	13	6	-			
	Q3	142	91	31	38	17	5	-			
	Q4	196	182	65	59	47	11	-			
Total		591	492	203	163	91	35	-	338	125	29

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
1999	Q1	193	157	88	40	18	11	-	104	38	15
	Q2	146	146	58	57	20	11	-	68	47	31
	Q3	127	121	64	30	15	12	-	67	38	16
	Q4	133	123	66	35	15	7	-	86	33	4
Total		599	547	276	162	68	41	-	325	156	66

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
2000	Q1	229	166	64	62	21	19	-	112	32	22
	Q2	156	148	65	57	16	10	-	97	32	19
	Q3	156	103	40	41	11	11	-	60	36	7
	Q4	223	176	45	52	40	39	-	112	35	29
Total		764	593	214	212	88	79	-	381	135	77

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Yearly Breakdown of FOIPOP Applications By Quarter 1994-2003 (Continued)

Access Decisions & Response Time

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
2001	Q1	281	162	52	67	16	23	4	99	44	19
	Q2	234	207	53	72	16	63	3	130	53	24
	Q3	257	182	78	67	8	26	3	107	53	22
	Q4	300	237	91	79	30	32	5	165	66	6
Total		1072	788	274	285	70	144	15	501	216	71

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
2002	Q1	357	226	63	96	20	38	9	151	56	19
	Q2	229	282	81	116	17	51	17	165	75	42
	Q3	232	153	44	79	6	22	2	80	56	17
	Q4	163	197	50	111	11	22	3	100	43	54
	OTS*	56	52	33	14	2	3	-	39	8	5
Total		1037	910	271	416	56	136	31	535	238	137

	Period	# Received	# Completed	Full	Part	Denied	No Record	Excluded	30 Days	30+ Days	60+ Days
2003	Q1	221	152	38	82	8	23	1	95	38	19
	Q2	143	180	74	69	9	26	2	99	44	37
	Q3	149	109	34	51	6	16	2	83	17	9
	Q4	165	138	35	77	9	15	2	90	26	22
	OTS*	49	43	25	11	3	4	-	33	4	6
Total		727	622	206	290	35	84	7	400	129	93

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*"OTS" refers to applications outside the tracking system. Starting in 2002 FOIPOP statistics were gathered electronically through reports generated from a FOIPOP tracking system. However, not all government agencies, boards, and commissions, and non-government public bodies are on the system.

FOIPOP Applications Cumulative Synopsis 1997-2003³

Source of FOIPOP Applications by Percentage

	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
1997	539	0	22.4	15.4	60.9	0	1.3	0
1998	591	0	33.5	13.5	42.5	0	10.5	0
2001	1072	0	11.7	22.9	43.9	8.9	5.6	7.0
2002	1037	0.8	11.2	26.9	48.1	6.0	4.0	3.0
2003	727	0.8	7.6	19.1	46.5	22.0	3.2	0.8
Totals	3966	0.3%	15.5%	20.8%	47.6%	8.0%	4.9%	2.9%

³ 1999 and 2001 were not included in this section of the report due to inaccuracies in the data.

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Yearly Breakdown of FOIPOP Applications By Quarter 1997-2003⁴

Source of FOIPOP Applications

	Period	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
1997	Q1	117	-	17	26	73	-	1	-
	Q2	101	-	12	9	77	-	3	-
	Q3	105	-	10	11	81	-	3	-
	Q4	216	-	82	37	97	-	0	-
Total		539	-	121	83	328	-	7	-

	Period	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
1998	Q1	129	-	68	9	36	-	16	-
	Q2	124	-	46	11	55	-	12	-
	Q3	142	-	39	22	58	-	23	-
	Q4	196	-	45	38	102	-	11	-
Total		591	-	198	80	251	-	62	-

	Period	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
2001	Q1	281	-	46	75	105	16	15	24
	Q2	234	-	24	26	115	26	11	32
	Q3	257	-	31	62	123	19	12	10
	Q4	300	-	24	82	128	34	22	10
	OTS*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		1072	-	125	245	471	95	60	76

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Yearly Breakdown of FOIPOP Applications By Quarter 1997-2003⁵ (Continued)

Source of FOIPOP Applications

	Period	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
2002	Q1	357	1	54	135	130	14	11	12
	Q2	229	6	17	52	119	18	11	6
	Q3	232	0	13	42	150	19	5	3
	Q4	163	1	18	44	77	9	8	6
	OTS*	56	0	14	6	23	2	6	5
Total		1037	8	116	279	499	62	41	32

	Period	# Received	Academic	Media	Political Party	Public	Business	Other	Public Interest
2003	Q1	220	2	18	51	97	39	12	1
	Q2	143	0	9	5	87	36	5	1
	Q3	150	0	11	30	63	41	3	2
	Q4	165	1	9	43	69	40	2	1
	OTS*	49	3	8	10	22	4	1	1
Total		727	6	55	139	338	160	23	6

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FOIPOP Statistics Breakdown by Department for 2003

Department Name	Total # FOIPOP Applications Received	Total # FOIPOP Applications Completed
Departments on the Tracking System		
Aboriginal Affairs	0	0
Agriculture and Fisheries	6	7
Archives and Records Management	0	0
Communications NS	1	1
Community Services	92	67
Economic Development	4	6
Education	15	10
Emergency Measures Organization	0	0
Environment and Labour	302	262
Energy	4	4
Executive Council	9	9
Finance	16	11
Health	83	62
Human Rights Commission	7	3
Intergovernmental Affairs	4	4
Justice	32	31
Natural Resources	16	13
Nova Scotia Business Inc.	4	8
Office of Health Promotion	3	3
Police Commission	1	0
Premiers Office	9	11
Public Prosecution Service	16	16
Public Service Commission	6	3
Securities and Exchange Commission	0	0

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FOIPOP Statistics Breakdown by Department for 2003

Department Name	Total # FOIPOP Applications Received	Total # FOIPOP Applications Completed
Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations	13	15
Tourism and Culture	4	5
Transportation and Public Works	23	21
Treasury and Policy Board	8	7
Utility and Review Board	0	0
Workers Compensation Appeals Tribunal	0	0
Departments Not on Tracking System		
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission	0	0
Community College	0	0
Film Development Corporation	2	2
Gaming Corporation	1	1
InNOVACorp Inc.	1	1
Legal Aid	0	0
Nova Scotia Liquor Commission	8	8
NS Resources	0	0
School Boards	7	5
Universities	24	20
Waterfront Development	0	0
Workers Compensation Board	6	6
World Trade Centre Ltd.	0	0
Total	727	622